

REMARKS

Objection to Claim Language

The Examiner noted that in claim 25, line 6, "a series or" should be replaced by "a series of."

Claim Rejections under 35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 25 and 31 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,574,815 to *Freeman, et al.*

Response to Rejection of Claims 25 and 31

Although Applicants disagree with the applied rejections, to advance prosecution and without prejudice to Applicant's pursuit of similar claims in any continuing application, Applicants have incorporated subject matter indicated as allowable into independent claim 25. Accordingly, claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 26. Claim 25 has also been amended to answer the Examiner's objection. Because of the Examiner's notation that claims 26 – 30, 32, and 33 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, it is believed that claims 25 and 27 – 33 are now allowable. Claim 27 also has been amended to change the term "carton" instead of "corner." It is believed that these claims are now likewise allowable as inheriting the subject matter of allowable claim 25.

New claims 34 and 35 have now been added to further present the claimed invention, and are believed to be allowable over the cited art of record.

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Information Disclosure Statement

A further Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) also has been filed concurrently herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and initial the IDS and accompanying form PTO 1449.

Conclusion

The Examiner stated that claims 1 – 24 were allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 25, and 27 – 33 are now in an allowable form as well. An early notice of allowance is respectfully solicited for prior presented claims 1 – 24, 25, 27 – 33, and new claims 34 and 35. Should the Examiner have questions or comments regarding the foregoing amendment in this response, he is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required at the time of consideration of this amendment or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

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